

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: L. Tran |
| YOSHINORI NAKAGAWA, ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2853 |
| Appln. No.: 10/649,640 |) | |
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| Filed: August 28, 2003 |) | |
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| For: INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS |) | January 3, 2007 |
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| METHOD |) | a Federal Holiday) |

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated October 2, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to amend the above-identified application as follows.